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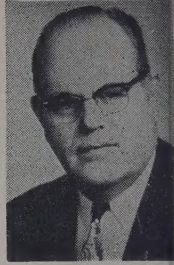
DAVID J. HILDRETH --
ENDEAVORER
OF THE YEAR



1963 CLERGYMAN OF THE YEAR

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



"WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 8) — Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York, veteran leader of Christian Endeavor, has been chosen 1963 Clergyman of the Year by the Religious Heritage of America, Inc." Thus reads an announcement made recently that will be of interest to Christian Endeavorers everywhere.

Colonel Paul H. Griffith, president of Religious Heritage, in announcing Dr. Poling's selection for the honor said in part: "At almost any point in his career of more than half a century in the Christian ministry, Dan Poling would have been worthy of the title 'Clergyman of the Year.' We are paying tribute to him for what he has done for more than 50 years, particularly for his great concern that American youth should be raised in the tradition of reverence of God and love of country."

In 1925, succeeding founder Francis

E. Clark, Dr. Poling was elected president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, a post he held until 1949. In 1954, after the death of Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Poling was called back to serve as acting president for a short time until 1955. Dr. Poling was named president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in 1927, a post he held until 1962, when in Sydney, Australia, he was succeeded by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. In recognition of his long service, by acclamation Dr. Poling was named Honorary President for Life.

Characteristic of his ministry through the years, Dr. Poling, in his valedictory message as president of the World's Union, concluded with these words: "Finally, my friends, my Christian Endeavor associates, I would leave you face to face with Jesus Christ . . . the Way!" This has been and continues to be the message of his wonderful ministry.

Editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine for many years, Dr. Poling is known the world around as a minister of the Gospel, writer, radio speaker, leader of civic movements, and friend of youth. Many of his books have been best-sellers. He made six overseas missions in World War II, flying 150,000 miles, visiting every war front and becoming the first clergyman ever to receive the War Department Medal of Merit for Distinguished Civilian Service. He was referred to by the then president of the United States as "America's spiritual ambassador of goodwill." His total flying log has passed 2,200,000 miles, most of them on spiritual missions.

The 1963 Clergyman of the Year award, an engraved scroll, will be presented to Dr. Poling at the conclusion of the 13th Annual Washington Pilgrimage, sponsored by Religious Heritage in Washington, D.C., June 20-22.

June and July Calendar

June

6-8—New York State Convention, Briarcliff Manor

Contact: Mr. Marvin C. Sloane, 532 Helendale Road, Rochester 9

14-16—Illinois Convention, Chicago

Contact: Mr. Charles Clark, 4239 West End Avenue, Chicago 24

15—Ohio Conventionette, Columbus

Contact: Mr. Cecil A. Jeffery, 1023 Bernhard Road, Columbus 27

20-23—Texas Convention, Alamo

Contact: Mr. Charles Meek, Box 37, Arcadia

22-29—Massachusetts Conference, East Northfield

Contact: Rev. Edward G. Johnston, 136 Walsh Street, North Medford

24-27—West Virginia Convention, Wheeling

Contact: Miss Mary Evelyn Wendt, Star Route #2, Cameron

July

2-6—International Convention, Washington, D.C.

Contact: International Society of Christian Endeavor

6—Michigan Convention, Washington, D.C.

Contact: Mr. Elwood Dunn, 16524 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 3

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

David J. Hildreth, college junior from Columbus, Ohio, receives an all-expense paid trip to the International Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6 as his award for being selected the 1963 Endeavorer of the Year.

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The Runners-Up

HELEN G. BEATTY, 17 years old, is program chairman of the Senior Society of Covington (Ohio) United Presbyterian Church, which nominated her. She headed up the society's project which won one of this year's citizenship awards. Helen attends church regularly, sings in the choir, and teaches in Daily Vacation Bible School. She is publicity chairman for Miami Valley Union and has participated in many Ohio and International Conventions. She also attends presbytery rallies. A leader in Tri-Hi-Y and Future Teachers' Association at Covington High School, she also plays in the band and is Junior class treasurer.



David J. Hildreth Named 1963 Endeavorer of the Year—Receives Convention Trip

Three Runners-Up Will Receive Expenses At International Convention in Washington

Winner of the 1963 Endeavorer of the Year selection, sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor, is David J. Hildreth of Columbus, Ohio. For his achievement David will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Washington, July 2-6, plus hotel and meal costs at the fabulous Sheraton-Park Hotel for five nights' lodging (dormitory style, four or more to a room) Tuesday through Saturday and all breakfasts and evening meals Wednesday through Saturday, plus a free registration worth \$4.

Helen G. Beatty of Covington, Ohio; Earle W. Gates, Jr., of Derby, New York; and Lawrence L. Hanby of Mesquite, Texas, were runners-up in the competition. All three will receive free hotel and meals as described above, worth \$42.50, along with the free registration worth \$4.

Contestants were nominated by Christian Endeavor societies, unions, or adult groups which enrolled in the 1963 Society Roll Call during December, January, February, or March. Each nominee was required to have passed his 12th birthday but not have reached his 22nd birthday by February 28, 1963, and to be an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. The nomination form called for information on the nominee's local Christian Endeavor, church, denominational, interdenominational, and community activities.

During the Washington Convention David and the three runners-up will be presented and will also have opportunity to participate in the program.

The Endeavorer of the Year selection was inaugurated by the International Society to recognize the outstanding young person as well as to encourage young people in their Christian witness.

The Winner

DAVID J. HILDRETH, a junior at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, has dedicated his life to service in the Christian education field.

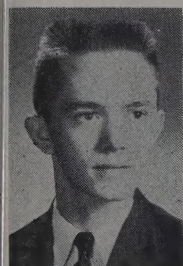
His minister, Rev. Albert H. Heinz of West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, says that David is "always willing, always dependable, always faithful to his assignments . . . a sincere Christian young man active in the work of our church."

David, who is 20 years old, sings in the church choir and male quartet, teaches a Sunday school class, sponsors the Junior High society and assists in the Senior High group, and is a mem-

ber of the Christian Education Committee. He has an award for 16 years' Sunday school attendance.

Vice-president of the Franklin County Union, which nominated him, he was elected president for 1963-64 in May. He is a vice-president of the Ohio Union and vice-chairman of the Youth Assembly of the International Society.

David was the recipient of the Danforth Foundation Award and a scholarship when he graduated from high school. He participates in two Christian youth programs on campus and was a member of the Military Band.



EARLE W. GATES, JR., is employed on the "Lochevan" estate near his home in Derby, New York. Twenty years old, he graduated from high school last year and is taking night school courses at Canisius College in Buffalo preparatory to entering college in September. He was nominated by the five societies of the First Church of Evans, where he is vice-president of the Young Adult Society, a Sunday school teacher, Junior Deacon, and the pastor's student assistant. Earle, often called "Buster," is president of the Erie County Union, a member of the New York State Board, and chairman of International Society's Youth Assembly.

LAWRENCE L. HANBY of Mesquite, Texas, is 15 years old and in the ninth grade. He was nominated by the Junior High Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Dallas. As Church Activity Committee chairman he directed their citizenship project which won first place this year in the community service category. He is an organist and pianist and a member of the MHVH Club for full-time Christian recruits. After five years' work he graduated last summer in Bible Memory Association. He edits the Dallas District "ECHO" and has participated in Texas and International conventions. At junior high school he is drum major, annual editor, and honor society president.



Dr. George K. Schweitzer To Receive International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation

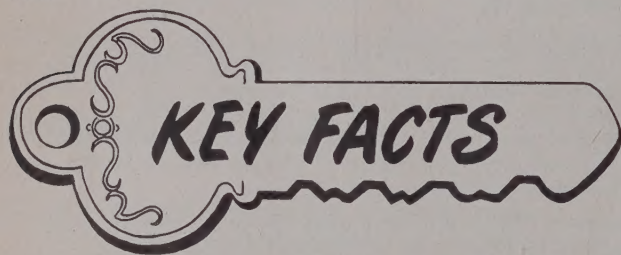
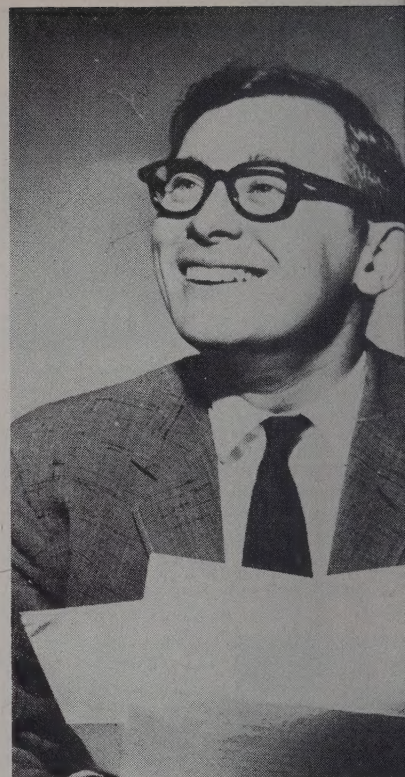
Christian Endeavor International will honor Dr. George K. Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, during the 47th International Convention in Washington, D.C. International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation will be presented to Dr. Schweitzer at the Friday evening session, July 5, when he will be the speaker.

Dr. Schweitzer will be the tenth recipient of this high honor. Those who have previously received it are Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the Honorable Herbert H. Hoover, the Honorable Harold E. Stassen, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the late Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, the Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, the Honorable Walter H. Judd, and Dr. Billy Graham.

In addition to teaching and directing research in the field of nuclear chemistry at the university and at Oak Ridge, Dr. Schweitzer is a member of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, where he is lecturer to the Young People's Sunday School Seminars in Religion, a Sunday morning program which attracts about 200 college students each week. His special interest is in natural science and its relation to Christian faith. He has participated in over 50 college and university religious convocations and weeks.

Holder of a Ph.D. degree in nuclear chemistry, Dr. Schweitzer recently passed his preliminary examinations for the Ph.D. in Religion at New York University and is working on his thesis which is to be entitled "The Hebrew-Christian Faith and the Origins of Modern Science."

Dr. Schweitzer is married and has three children. He enjoys his hobbies of swimming, motion-picture photography, and music with them and with his wife Verna.



ABOUT WASHINGTON

The Nation's Capital will be the scene of the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 2-6. More than 3,000 youth from all sections of North America are expected to participate.

The air-conditioned Sheraton-Park Hotel will be headquarters, with all convention activities centering there. Delegates will enjoy economical "package plan" rates covering five nights' lodging Tuesday through Saturday and all breakfasts and evening meals Wednesday through Saturday. The rate for dormitory style, four to a room, is \$42.50 per person; double or twin occupancy, \$52.80 per person; single occupancy, \$63.10.

The program committee, headed by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, has prepared for outstanding sessions. The convention officially opens Tuesday night, when Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society, gives the keynote address. Other evening speakers include Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson of Massachusetts; the Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas; Dr. George K. Schweitzer; and Dr. Daniel A. Poling,

honorary president of the World's Union.

Each morning there will be a Quiet Hour and Bible Study led by Rev. Andrew White of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This will be followed by the convention "school" with 45 conference classes offered.

Convention music will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Steinhart of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Arch J. McQuilkin

of Pennsylvania is in charge of the daily General Assembly periods. Banquet toastmaster Friday night is Joan Pyle of Michigan.

The Youth Assembly is scheduled to meet daily. Special activities for Juniors are planned each morning, with the Junior Convention on Saturday. The Christian Witness Parade down Constitution Avenue is also a high light of the closing day.

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Church _____ (Give full name and denomination)

I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union _____ State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

NEWS AND VIEWS

REV. T. MELVILLE BAILEY, minister of South Gate Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario, is the new president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union. Active in the movement for a number of years, he has a Junior and an Intermediate society in his church. He is a former field secretary of the Ontario Union. Mr. Bailey currently edits "PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY," a newsletter of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



• NEW OFFICERS of the General Christian Endeavor Convention of General Baptists, elected at the annual convention April 19-20 at Camp Clark, Dixon, Kentucky, are: President—Jewel Wilson, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; vice-president—Mary Louise Butts, Princeton, Indiana; secretary-treasurer—Dorothy

Brothers, also of Cape Girardeau; assistant secretary-treasurer—Judy Rippey, Maunie, Illinois; pastor counselor—the Rev. Mr. Kinslow of Cape Girardeau. Next year's convention is scheduled for April 24-26 at Mt. Olive Camp, Omaha, Illinois.

• NINE YOUTH GROUPS participated in the annual youth rally April 21 sponsored by the Worcester County (Massachusetts) Alumni, reports Allen C. March, president. The event was held at First Baptist Church, Winchendon. The program included conferences, slides of the Northfield Conference, and an evening worship service led by Rev. and Mrs. Franklin MacKerron.

TEXAS YOUTH (right) washed dishes (at 10c per place setting, they netted \$11) and collected paper (once a month) to raise money to help send Junior and Senior High Endeavorers of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, to the International Convention. They expect to have a busload of Texans in Washington this July.

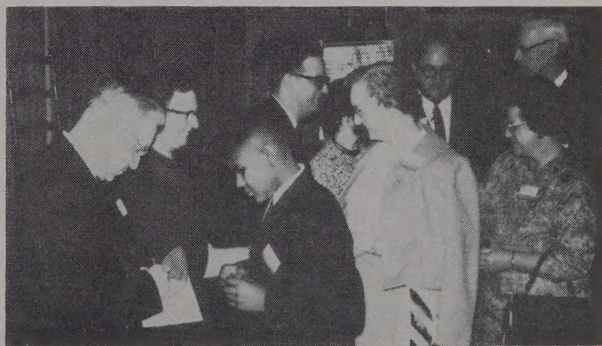


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THE PANEL OF EXPERTS which presented the "Final Draft" of the Blueprint for Leadership at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference April 25-27 in Atlantic City included (left to right) B. McClain Cochran, Elwood Dunn, Harold E. Westerhoff, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, and Rev. Christian A. Tirre.



THE RECEIVING LINE stopped long enough for Bishop Clyde W. Meadows to autograph a beanie for James Foster of Washington, D.C., during the reception for Bishop and Mrs. Meadows at the Middle Atlantic Regional sessions. During the social hour a silver bowl and tray were presented to the Meadows.



ENJOYING A SEAFOOD LUNCHEON in Atlantic City are (clockwise, beginning lower left) James R. Westerhoff, Mrs. J. J. Westerhoff, Harold E. Westerhoff, Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows, Bishop Meadows, Evelyn R. Purdy, Rev. Christian A. Tirre, Douglas Gerritsen, Phyllis I. Rike, Elwood Dunn, Nancy Dussenberry, Arch J. McQuilkin, and Mrs. McQuilkin.



Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

Party Plans

by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

PROGRESSIVE PICNIC

Picnic time is near! Have you considered a "Progressive Picnic" to combine the fellowship of travel, worship, fun, and food?

A "Progressive Picnic" is described by its caption: progressing from one stop to the next for various courses of food and activities. Your food stops can be appetizer, salad, main course, dessert, refresher. Activity stops can be inspiration, song-time, active games, information, a special event.

Detailed basic planning is necessary to insure a wonderful day for everyone, including the planners. Start by having your committee determine the time, transportation, and destinations which are available. Plan the stops which will be made for both food and activities. Then the social chairman or society president should delegate responsibilities to individuals for the following: advertising, routing and information, transportation, games and special events, devotions, food, and clean-up. Be sure to have a meeting to coordinate your final plans!

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Leave about 12:30 p.m. About half an hour later, stop for an appetizer of juice and crackers; sing the Doxology as part of the grace before eating.

Second stop, salad course. Serve a tossed salad with disposable plates and forks, or gelatin salad molded in paper cups, or "finger" salad of stuffed celery and relishes. A sing-stop might be part of this course, using your Christian Endeavor song books or familiar choruses.

Third stop, main course. Serve tureens brought by the group, or some of the parents may wish to be there with a prepared specialty such as a clam bake, corn roast, chicken barbecue. Since you'll be here longer than at most stops, plan for softball, badminton, or other active games.

Fourth stop, dessert. Fruit and cookies or cake will require no dishes. Stop at a historical, church-related spot and hear about its history. This may be an excellent time for a devotional period suggested by the landmark.

If it's a long way home, or you plan a special event, a stop for a refresher snack of cold drink and potato chips will be welcome.

NOW FOR YOUR SCHEDULE

After you've mapped out your own schedule of food and events, you're ready to assign responsibilities. *Advertising* can be done through phone contacts, posters using cars, maps, folders from the places to be visited, church bulletins, announcements. Inform your young people about the

type of clothing to wear, the necessary food or supplies to bring, cost of the outing, expected time schedule.

Routing the picnic can be planned to have the final stop near home, or to have it about an hour's journey away, possibly in another state. Be sure that any entrance fees, regulations, or hours are understood, and get information which will be interesting for advertising and for travel. Supply each driver with the same brand of road map, with stopping places marked in case of being separated. Include information about shelters, in case of rain.

Transportation includes determining the number of cars needed and planning to have an extra one available. Make any arrangements for expenses. If you're going out-of-state, check requirements for drivers.

Games and Special Events responsibilities will cover the activities. Adapt activities to your stop. Some places will be interesting for sightseeing, others for games. If possible, arrange for a Ranger to take the group on a guided nature tour if you visit a park.

Plan a nature scavenger hunt, having the lists already prepared. Suggestions: feather, pine cone, live animal, last year's maple leaf, ten varieties of leaves, etc.

For an inspiring climax, your final stop can be a religious concert, a county, state or provincial Christian Endeavor activity, or a special church service.

Plan a couple of games that take no equipment. If you might be rained in, take along a quiz book, and have a "pockets" scavenger hunt.

Devotions or time of worship are an important part of your picnic, starting with the grace before the meal. For your main devotional meeting, anticipate a spot which will inspire the group and center your worship theme on it. Or, use a nature hymn, a Psalm, travel, or roads for the theme of Scripture and thoughts. Encourage singing during your travels.

Food is most important to a picnic! One way to furnish it is to have specific persons responsible for specific courses, and then to have a "central supply" of paper plates, napkins, table covers, silver, cups, cold and hot beverages.

Clean-up leaves the picnic area cleaner than you found it! Discard trash, save the things which are to be used, pick up forgotten articles.

A "Progressive Picnic" can be as involved as you wish, or as simple as taking sandwiches and fruit on a hike or bike tour. It could even be a hayride! Do take advantage of summer sun and summer scenery . . . drive safely, come back on time, and have fun!

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Purposes of Recreation

Time on My Hands

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9



Preparation Chart

Topic studied?	_____
Parts assigned?	_____
Song numbers ready?	_____
Pianist and song leader notified?	_____
Special music arranged?	_____
Cards mailed? Poster made?	_____
Visitors invited?	_____

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
 Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-9
 Songs We Love to Sing: (1 stanza each
 from a half-dozen songs chosen by the
 members)
 Prayer Hymn: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*
 Sentence Prayers
 Announcements and Offering
 Leader's Introduction
 Talks on the Topic
 Questions for Discussion
 Special Music
 Consecration Service
 Benediction

For Publicity

Since school is out, and the young people do not see each other every day, it is important that your lookout committee be busy during the week contacting your members by phone, and also prospects who ought to be invited. Perhaps the local radio will plug your meeting, either before or after some favorite program to which the young people listen regularly. Work up several spot announcements of not more than three sentences, and get them into the hands of the announcer early during the week.

For the Leader

The success of a meeting depends in a large measure on what is done before the time of the meeting arrives. If you have every item on the *Preparation Chart* checked, it will give you confidence, and you will have poise as you stand before the group. Do not be afraid, even if you have a number of new young people present. Let it stimulate you to do your best. Forget your-

self, and think only of the message which you are to bring, and the good that it will do. Ask God to help you, and remember that it is He who prepares the hearts of those who listen, so that even more good will come than you anticipate.

Make the consecration service impressive and reverent. Ask your counselor or the minister to conduct it, asking him to note the suggestion which is made on the next page, in connection with it.

Leader's Introduction

After nine long months of school it is wonderful to be free for a few months, and have time to do the things we would like to do. No grinding schedule to follow, home work to do, or examinations to take. For the first few weeks it was a lot of fun, but already the first thrill of it is gone, and with time on our hands, some of us are already beginning to be a little restless, and wondering what to do with ourselves until next fall comes. Our topic tonight "*Time On My Hands*" is the first of two interesting topics on "*The Purpose of Recreation*."

We are assuming in this study that a good many of us do not have regular jobs that keep us busy during the day, and that we do have at least some time on our hands. What we do with that time does more than to break the monotony of idle hours; it has a definite effect upon our characters. Somebody has said that "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," and juvenile court records bear that out. Many of the young people who get into trouble are those who have nothing to do, and who go out to find some kind of excitement. Unfortunately, there is a penalty to pay, and often a life which is spoiled, because somebody forgot to think of the consequences.

There are, however, many good things we can do which bring a lot of happiness to ourselves and others. Let us think about them for awhile this evening.

Talks on the Topic

(If you wish, you might have each one of the speakers hold up some symbol which would fit in with the talk:

- (1) A Bible (2) Baseball (3) Hammer (4) Camera (5) Canteen (6) Bouquet (7) Book.)

1. (Please tell in your own words.) The first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and that is the day that we worship God, learn valuable lessons, and have fellowship with Christian friends. In the evening we have our Christian Endeavor meetings in which we learn to express ourselves and develop our talents. It is well for us to remember that it is God's day, however, and not to use it selfishly by taking trips to the hills or the seashore, or doing other things which keep us away from church.

There was once a farmer who had a tree with seven ripe pears on it. One day some boys came along and looked so wistfully at the fruit that the farmer felt sorry for them, and gave them six pears, keeping one for himself. After he went into the house, the boys slipped back and stole the seventh. God has given us six days for ourselves, but some people, like those boys, take the seventh, and God has none. Let us use the Lord's Day for God.

2. (Please tell in your own words.) Monday can be made our play day, when we go fishing, play volleyball, badminton, or baseball. Play is a good thing, if not overdone. It builds

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strong muscles and nerves, strengthens the heart, develops the lungs, and in general, builds good health. Calvin Coolidge's son as a high school boy played tennis one day until he wore a blister on his foot. It became infected, and he died. Calvin Coolidge said that all the glory of the presidency left him when his son passed away. Let us have lots of fun, but be moderate in our play. Let us also be careful not to have any accidents.

3. (Please tell in your own words.) Tuesday can be a work day. There are a lot of things which need to be done around the place where we live, and our parents will appreciate us a lot if we volunteer to do them, rather than having to be nagged into helping. How surprised a lot of our parents would be if we asked them to make up a list of things for us to do, and then really performed them faithfully. It is quite possible they would increase our privileges, or they might even up our allowance a bit. However, we ought to do such things because of our love for them rather than because we hope to gain something.

4. (Please tell in your own words.) Wednesday might be used as "hobby day." Everybody ought to have something which he especially likes to do, whether it is taking pictures, collecting butterflies, bird-watching, or making model cars. Out in the west a woman began collecting ballads which President Lincoln liked to hear. She made a costume such as was worn a hundred years ago, and began singing the ballads. Although she was not very good looking, she became very popular, was in constant demand, and the newspapers gave her fine writeups. Why don't we choose some kind of a hobby, and try to learn more about it than anybody else?

5. (Please tell in your own words.) Thursday might be chosen as a day to take hikes to interesting places in the country, or trips to spots around town, such as a cold drink bottling works, the county jail, a museum, a park, or the traffic court. (If you do not have some of these places, be sure to mention some others which you do have.) To see a court trial in progress, or men locked behind bars makes an impression which will not soon be forgotten. To

Questions for Discussion

1. What is the purpose of life?
2. Why are young people unhappy when they have nothing to do?
3. How can time be used for God?
4. How is the church helping young people to use their time wisely?
5. Should the society plan a program of leisure time activities for the rest of the summer? (If this idea is received enthusiastically, have your church activity committee work up a week by week schedule of activities to bring to the meeting next Sunday for discussion and approval by the group.)

take a drive through the slums of a city, and see how the poor have to live will deepen our sympathy. To visit a factory where the blind work at machines, trying to make a living, will make us want to help them. It is fun when a group takes trips together. Why don't we do it oftener?

6. (Please tell in your own words.) If you have been following our Daily Bible Readings regularly, you will recall that about all this past week there have been Scriptures which had to do with helping others. Friday might be set aside as a day when we would do just that. There may not be a factory where blind people work that we could visit, but there are no doubt blind people here in town who would like to have a Christian Endeavorer stop in once a week to read aloud from the Bible, or some other book. Are there old people who might be helped in various ways? Are there cripples who could be visited and befriended? Are there foreign families who could be helped to understand American ways, or be taught to speak our language? Are there sick people who would appreciate a bouquet of flowers? There is a joy that comes from helping others that does us good, as well as brightening the lives of neglected people. If we are going to do whatever Jesus would like to have us do, you can be sure that He would approve of things like those.

7. (Please tell in your own words.) Saturday might be used for reading. Not many of us can take long trips across the country, or around the

world, but books bring the world right to us. There are interesting and well illustrated travel books in our city library, biographies of great men who have lived and served, sports and adventure stories, as well as the Bible, which helps us to understand the past, live wisely in the present, and prepare ourselves for life in the world to come.

Alternate Plan

If you do not like Plan No. 1, you might like to invite the Judge of the Juvenile Court, or some police officer, to speak to the group on "Why Do Young People Get into Trouble?" If he accepts your invitation, see that a story is turned in to the newspaper well ahead of the deadline. Also have it announced over the air. You might like to invite some other young people's groups from neighboring churches to be your guests that evening. If you do choose the first plan you might like to have the judge give his talk on some week night.

Consecration Service

This evening we have been discussing the matter of time on our hands, and how to make use of it for our own good and the service of God. It was a good topic and in keeping with our Christian Endeavor pledge. At this time I am going to ask all the active members to stand and repeat the pledge with me.

(After completing the pledge) Just now I am going to ask you to sing, "Spirit of the Living God," and as you do that, to silently choose some one thing, such as we have been discussing tonight, and promise to do it in token of the renewal of your consecration. (At close of the song, have all stand for the Benediction.)

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 1	Help the Weak	Acts 20:32-34
T. July 2	A Holy Day	Nehemiah 8:9-10
W. July 3	Time for Doing Good	Galatians 6:1-10
T. July 4	Liberty Limited	I Corinthians 10:23-33
F. July 5	Stewardship of Life	Exodus 3:1-10
S. July 6	Rules for Living	Philippians 4:4-9
Sun. July 7—Topic:	Time on My Hands	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 2 in a Unit: Purposes of Recreation

Well-Kept Temples

I Corinthians 6:19,20



Preparation Chart

Topic studied?	_____
Parts assigned?	_____
Song numbers ready?	_____
Pianist and song leader notified?	_____
Special music arranged?	_____
Poster made? Cards mailed?	_____
Visitors invited?	_____

pared thoroughly. Begin early a few weeks before to study the topic, and pray that God will prepare the hearts of the young people for the message. Check the *Preparation Chart* as each item is completed, to make sure that nothing has been overlooked. Having done this, you will have a confidence which you never could have if you waited until Sunday afternoon, and then looked over the topic a half hour before starting time. In the discussion of the questions which you have written on the chalk board, be sure that you have some good answer, but always give the others a chance to express themselves before you give what you have in mind.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
 Hymn: *Sunshine in the Soul*
 Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 6:19, 20
 Prayer Hymn: *O Jesus I Have Promised*
 Sentence Prayers
 Leader's Introduction
 Talks on the Topic
 Practical Problems
 Questions for Discussion
 Special Music
 Announcements and Offering
 Benediction

For Publicity

In the upper right hand corner of this page you will see a poster suggestion. If you like it, use it; if not, have your publicity committee prepare one which may be more appropriate. This same design can be put on your stencils, if cards are to be mailed. Since postage has increased, it is rather important that you keep all addresses up to date. Telephone calls are just as effective, if you have a committee which really functions.

For the Leader

If the weather is good, you may want to make this an outdoor meeting in some shady spot on the church lawn, or some other nearby appropriate place close enough that you will not be late for the evening service. For music, you will find an accordion, or some other instrument helpful, although it really isn't necessary to have any at all.

Are you frightened at the thought of leading the meeting? Don't be scared. The young people who will be there are all your friends. You have known them for a long time, and had fun with them. You have enjoyed the meetings which they have held, and you can be sure that they will wish you success, now that it is your turn. This can come, of course, only if you have pre-

Leader's Introduction

Our topic tonight, "Well-Kept Temples," is the second of a series of studies on recreation. Back in ancient times, the Greeks had as a goal for every person, "A sound mind in a sound body," and every young person gloried in the fact that he had a strong body and good health. From 776 B.C. onward for many centuries they held athletic contests in the Olympian plain in honor of Zeus, their greatest god, who had a temple there. The winner was awarded an olive wreath, and it was considered such a great honor that not only his family rejoiced, but a big reception was given for him when he returned to his home town. After the decline of Greece as a world power, the games were discontinued, but in recent times they have been renewed, and every year our own country and others send their finest athletes to compete in the games.

The apostle Paul in his writings made reference to those who competed in the races, and in our Scripture this evening, you will remember that he referred to temples. There was this difference, however—he said that with Christians, their temple is their bodies in which the Holy Spirit dwells, and for that reason they ought to be made strong and kept holy. This makes it all the more important that we build good health, and keep our bodies clean, for in them we have a holy Guest.

Talks on the Topic

1. (Please tell in your own words.) Everybody likes to eat, and there is a slogan among the nutritionists to

the effect that "you are what you eat."

If that were entirely true, then some of us would be pigs, others chickens, while still others would be great big vegetables. Seriously, however, what we eat does have a lot to do with our health and happiness. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., became a multimillionaire, but his stomach gave him so much trouble that he had to live on the simplest foods, and at one time offered a million dollars to any doctor who could make him well. It is true that we like hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, pickles, candy, pop, and ice cream, but if we don't have a balanced diet we will become sickly. It takes milk to provide for growing bones, and meat to make muscles. Things which taste good are not always the best for us, and when we become weak and run down, tempers flare easily, dispositions become bad, and it is easy to get into trouble.

2. (Please tell in your own words.) Exercise is as important in building good bodies as food, for it keeps the blood circulating regularly, taking nourishment wherever it is needed. When Jean Valjean was sent to the galleys, he arranged it so that he would be on both sides of the ship, rather than just one. He looked forward to the time when he would escape, and he didn't intend to be any half-developed man, with one side of him weak and the other strong. Athletic directors and coaches are concerned not only that the team eat body-building foods, but that their exercise keep them in condition to win games. When Theodore Roosevelt was young, he was weak and sickly, but he

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went out to live on a ranch in the west, sharing the plain food of the cowboys, the fresh air, and the active life of herding cattle. He came back with a vitality that stayed with him even after he became president.

3. (Please tell in your own words.) It takes fun, also, to build strong bodies, and time used for recreation is well spent. Fun stimulates the heart and lungs, strengthens the nerves, aids digestion, and keeps the mind clear. It brings needed relaxation, and a release from tension which builds up during the day. To play to exhaustion, however, tears down all the good which has been done, and we are the worse for it. The wise person knows when to quit in order to conserve values. We just can't burn the candle of life at both ends, without cutting off years which otherwise we might have. Playboys who are up half the night, and come home exhausted, are making fun something injurious. We need to be temperate in all good things, and abstain completely from things which are evil.

4. (Please tell in your own words.) When we are young we are sometimes tempted to try to crowd too many waking hours into a day. This is, of course, a mistake, for the body is constantly wearing out and has to be repaired, and the principal time when that is done is when we are asleep. It is also the time when growth takes place, and all of us are constantly watching our weight and height. If we are really going to grow normally, it is important that we go to bed early, and also be relaxed enough for restful sleep. Exciting shows, or highly seasoned food at bedtime can give us bad nights, and we will wake up as wornout as we were before. This in turn will affect our school work, for if we can't think clearly we won't make our grades, and exams will be a tragedy.

5. (Please tell in your own words.) The breaking of bad habits are important to good health. We now know how the use of tobacco affects the heart, lungs, sinuses, and other vital organs of the body, and many people end up with fatal lung cancer or heart attacks, long before they reach the seventy years commonly allotted to man. The smoking of marijuana cigarettes lead to immorality and crime. Edgar Allan Poe's wild stories were the result of a disordered mind, brought on by alcohol and dope.

Questions for Discussion

Place on Chalkboard

1. In what ways do young people most neglect their health?
2. Why will young people smoke, knowing the consequences?
3. Why do you dread going to a doctor?
4. What do young people worry about most?
5. How late should we stay up at night?

His parents didn't discipline him, so he was cut off in midlife. Young people should ever be on guard lest they be tricked into taking any form of dope. Just one shot of heroin and you are hooked. You can never get away from it; you go through a lot of physical torture. Dope is so costly and the craving for it so keen that those addicted not only will steal but murder in order to get money for shots. Let's be smart enough never to take the first shot, even on a dare!

6. (Please tell in your own words.) If we are going to be well and happy, we must keep both body and mind clean. Many young people are spoiling their lives by dirty thinking and dirty deeds. They seek out dirty pictures, read dirty books, and tell dirty stories. They make their minds just garbage heaps, instead of a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. They think that they can experiment with sex and it will not make a difference, but there are always serious consequences. There are so many broken homes today and often the cause has been loose immoral living. If you want to have a happy home of your own some day, you must live a life above reproach.

7. (Please tell in your own words.) To have good health, we must have right attitudes. Worry, fear, insecurity, ill-will, hatred, and jealousy can poison the body, lead to ill-health, keep the mind from functioning properly, and bring about the ruin of the soul. We are hearing about psychosomatic diseases today. These are the ones which come from worry, fear, and the other things mentioned. People actually do worry themselves sick.

It is impossible for us to have great thoughts and noble aspirations if we aren't well. There have been a few great souls, like Mrs. Browning or Robert Louis Stevenson, who had sick bodies, but attained unto greatness, but they are exceptions. Let us banish fear with faith, and depend on the Spirit of God to guide us through life.

Practical Problems

1. Mary Ann decided to stay up until one o'clock to cram for an exam. Will she be able to think clearly next day?
2. Bill had been invited to a party, and been told there would be "reefers" to smoke. Should he go? What should he say to the one inviting him?
3. There was to be a pie-eating contest at the fair, with prizes given. Would it be right to compete? What will be the physical consequences?
4. The kids were passing around a dirty paperback novel. "I'll be through with it tomorrow, and you can have it next," said Jim to Joe. "Boy, is it a hot one!" What should Joe say to Jim about the offer?

Follow-Up Project

Ask the young people to keep a list of days on which they were not feeling very well during the next month, analyzing the cause in each case. In the light of the discussion, an awareness of their trouble may lead them to be more careful.

Topic Plan 2

If the committee so desires, it may choose to have in place of the suggested topic, a panel on "How to Build Good Health," conducted by a doctor, athlete, teacher, and minister. If this is done, there should be much publicity in the newspapers, and over the air. It is important that there be a really good attendance if noted people are asked to come and participate. If your society is small, you might like to invite your parents as guests for the evening.

If you had a judge to speak last Sunday, it would be better to hold this panel at some later time. The important thing in Christian Endeavor is not for young people to be entertained, or lectured, but to learn how to speak, sing, and pray themselves.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 8	God Rested	Genesis 2:1-3
T. July 9	Jesus Rested	Mark 6:31,32
W. July 10	Jesus Grew in Stature	Luke 2:52
T. July 11	Healthful Diet	Daniel 1:8-16
F. July 12	Bodily Exercise Commended	I Timothy 4:6-9
S. July 13	A Good Physical Body	I Samuel 16:11-13
Sun. July 14—Topic: Well-Kept Temples		I Corinthians 6:19,20

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Leading and Participating in Meetings

Do You Prepare?

Luke 22:7-13

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *Living for Jesus*
 Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Man-kind*
 Prayer: by the leader
 Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
 Scripture Reading: Luke 22:7-13
 Prayer: Pray for guidance in leading a meeting that will be helpful to others.
 Pray God's help for each one to do his best always, whether leader or follower.
 Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
 Announcements
 Offering and Offertory Prayer
 Special Music
 Introduction of Topic: by leader
 Discussion and/or Lecture: for this particular topic
 Summary
 Dedication (each one promising to put more into meetings)
 Closing Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
 Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

In advance of this meeting have various signs placed around the building in which your Christian Endeavor Society meets. If this meeting is to be a successful one on "preparation," much preparation, advance thinking and praying, must go into this topic. Such signs as "Plan Ahead," "Be Prepared," "Are You A Leader?", "Take Me To Your Leader," (you can add others) can be inter-changed about the building to create curiosity and interest.

For the Counselor

Work closely with the leader of this meeting, who should be the most capable one of the group. (It might be helpful if the Counselor was the leader). Be sure that step by step methods in preparing a meeting are given and opportunity for discussion possible. Your society is not the only one with poor meetings week after week. Now is the time to make a change in the *weakly* pattern. If your society does not meet in the summer months, clip out this topic (and other helpful ones) and set it aside for use in the Fall.

Guidance for the Leader

The purpose of this topic is to stress the importance of preparation for a Christian Endeavor meeting by *each member*—not just the leader. Read the Scripture and the *Daily Bible Readings*, carefully comparing

their content with the Bible reading "headings." Emphasize the preparation made by the disciples. Pray for guidance and understanding as you prepare! Good meetings are planned; they never just happen. It is your task to go step by step in helping fellow-members to prepare future meetings. You cannot lead where you have not been. "Practice what you preach" by properly preparing this topic. Stress that each youth should prepare mentally and spiritually for each meeting—not only the leader.

Introduction of the Topic

Explain that this topic is going to be somewhat out of the ordinary as you are going to be studying how to do the very thing you are doing. If you are not following the *Suggested Program* as presented here, be sure that prayer and Scripture have an important place in the early portion of the meeting. Do not read your introduction, but glance as necessary at notes you have made, so as not to miss important points. Do not conduct your meeting by reading from THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD word for word. Clip portions of it, if the printed material is exactly what you want. Write out your plan, and make notes in your own note book or paper, so you know where you're going. In your introductory words, explain and show how you have prepared this topic.

Prepare Weeks in Advance

As soon as a future leader has received his assignment, he should look at the topic heading and read the Scripture. This assignment should be made a minimum of three months in advance. This is not always done, however, but urge the carrying out of this plan in the future. (Topic cards are available from the International Society, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. These carry the titles and Scriptures for a one-year period.) After noting the title and studying the Scripture, try to decide what you as leader expect the topic to be about. Allow a week or so for thought and prayer. Ideas will come as opportunity is given for quiet meditation and study of God's Word. Look for further information on what seems to you to be the theme of this topic.

After sufficient thought, read the materials given in THE CHRISTIAN EN-



DEAVOR WORLD. Organize the thoughts gained there with those you have jotted down. New ideas will begin to come from conversation, newspapers, radio, television programs, and everyday happenings. Use these thoughts in your meeting.

Organize the Meeting for Presentation

Make an outline of your meeting from beginning to end. Follow the suggested program in THE WORLD, or follow your own outline, or make a combination of the two. Choose hymns to help carry out the message. Pick them to be more devotional as the meeting progresses. Don't use more than one new hymn a week. Notify pianist of hymns to be used. Read the Scripture a number of times in advance of the meeting. Look up or inquire about pronunciation and meaning of unfamiliar words. Read it distinctly, loudly, and with meaning. It is well to have members carry their Bibles, and follow along as the Scripture is being read.

Be sure to include the evening offering in your meeting. Make it an act of worship, not a noisy time, and an opportunity to talk. The giving of one's offering is an act of worship and should be conducted in that manner.

Call for, or make, any necessary announcements briefly and plainly. Don't make a business session out of them.

Plan the prayer time to be a very quiet inspirational period. Introduce varied methods of prayer. Don't always have sentence prayers, but do have them often enough to give opportunity to the members to learn and to practice

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praying publicly. This is a training and teaching time also. Have chain prayers sometimes when a designated number pray as called upon. Use silent prayer. Conduct a suggested prayer period when the leader gives suggestions of prayer thoughts, and allow time to pray accordingly. Use conversational prayer. One prays a sentence in a manner of conversation, and another continues on the same thought. This goes on until one changes the subject, and this thought is continued until changed. The leader can conclude in summary fashion. It is very natural for individuals to pray more than once during this type of prayer. You also might have one person who prays easily and will lead in an evening prayer. Such a person should be asked in advance, not called on suddenly without warning or permission.

Pass out any assignments in advance of the meeting. Give shy ones an opportunity to participate by assigning a simple part.

Organize your thoughts, make your outline, know where you are going, and strive to go there. Plan to conclude the meeting by summarizing your thoughts. Be sure to include the thoughts of others in the summary. Plan to lift the members closer to Christ throughout the meeting. Enlist the participation of the members. Don't do all the talking. Adapt the topic to your own group and its needs.

There are numerous ways to present the Sunday evening meeting. Booklets of ideas and suggestions are available from the International Society. The names of some of these meetings are: *Backward Meeting*, *Waste Basket*, *Shipwreck*, *Kindergarten*, *Blackboard*, *Fishermen's*, *A Move-Up Meeting*, *Candlelight Service*, *Leaderless*, *Stand-Up*, *Debate*, *Panel*, etc.

Some last minute questions to ask yourself are: *What is the aim?* *How are we striving to reach the aim?* *Have the hymns been chosen carefully?* *Will the pianist be present?* *Have the assignments been given out?* *How will the meeting conclude?*

Present the Meeting as Planned

Always stand in a position to command the leadership of the group. Announce the topic at the very on-set of the meeting. Begin with prayer. Read, or have read, the portion of God's Word clearly and reverently.

Give the *Leader's Talk*, introducing the theme, the aims, the method of procedure, and in general "setting the mood"

Questions for Discussion

1. Who would you rather have lead the meeting?—an adult or one of the members? Give reasons.
2. In what way can leading a meeting now help in the future?
3. What part do the hymns play in a Christian Endeavor meeting?
4. What do the words of the pledge mean "promise to take part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor meeting"?
5. How can members prepare for a meeting where they are not the leader?
6. Discuss your own individual failures in preparation in the past. How will you improve them now?
7. Read and discuss the illustration. Have you ever attended or led such a meeting? Pick out the wrong parts in it.

for what is to follow. Notice that this is called "a leader's talk," not a "reading." Speak,—do not read. Fewer words spoken from the heart and mind are far better than many words and paragraphs read. Use an outline, but not complete sentences, for notes.

Use various members to give talks on, or possibly read, items of interest based on the topic. It is always an excellent idea to pass out assignments in advance of a particular meeting. Members can look up information, interview church members, people on the street, at the plaza, etc. Vary the methods of presentation.

When discussing the questions, ask them to clearly repeat them, re-word them. If answers do not come readily, suggest possible answers, start their thinking for them. Sometimes the quickest way to get response is by giving a negative or wrong answer. People are quick to disagree often. Use the methods best adapted to your group to bring out discussion. Don't stop with yes or no answers. Throw in a "why," "give reasons for your answer," "explain." Let more than one person answer. This is "discussion" time, not a question and answer period.

Don't ask any questions that either you can't answer yourself to some degree of satisfaction, or that you can't intelligently lead others to answer. Remember constantly, you are the leader!

At the conclusion, summarize the meeting, or else let some one know that you will call on them at the conclusion to summarize it. Tie all loose ends together here. Give a climax or fitting ending to the meeting.

Call on the Pastor or Counselor for any comments they might wish to make. Conclude the meeting with something

thought-provoking or something worth meditating upon. Throughout the meeting endeavor to lift members closer to Christ. Lead the kind of meeting that will attract newcomers, maintain the interest of the regulars, and create conversation that might make outsiders interested in attending.

You have a tremendous responsibility. Accept it as such. Do the job the best you can. With proper planning and much prayer, you'll surprise yourself at what a good meeting you can lead.

Illustration

HOW NOT TO LEAD A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

Read over the material in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD once roughly. (Late Saturday night or Sunday afternoon immediately before the meeting is best.) Hurry to the meeting, entering breathless. It leaves a good impression about your preparation. Sit in the middle of a crowded corner so as not to be too obvious. After all arrive, pass out some scribbled notes of assignments. Don't make the information too clear as you don't want anyone doing a better job than you do. Everyone is nervous at such times, especially you. Read everything in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. If you can't pronounce a word, just skip over it; it won't be noticed. If the Scripture given is too long, don't read all of it. Assign it to anyone to read, as it's not very important. When announcing hymns, be sure to mumble them, and only give the number once. If they don't understand you, that's their fault. When asking the questions, don't wait long for an answer. If no answer, go on to the next one. Never re-word a question, or make helpful suggestions to aid in understanding and answering it. Don't forget to giggle through a considerable portion of it. This adds dignity to any meeting.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 15	An Endeavorer	Is Purposeful	Philippians 3:13-16
T. July 16	An Endeavorer	Is Willing	I Chronicles 28:10
W. July 17	An Endeavorer	Is Courageous	Joshua 1:1-7
T. July 18	An Endeavorer	Is Fruitful	Matthew 7:16-20
F. July 19	An Endeavorer	Is Trustworthy	III John 3-8
S. July 20	An Endeavorer	Is Loyal	Ruth 1:16-18
Sun. July 21—Topic: Do You Prepare?			Luke 22:7-13

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Leading and Participating in Meetings

Learning by Doing

Matthew 25:14-30



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: *O Worship the King*Hymn: *Sing and Smile and Pray*

Prayer: by the leader

Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer: Use one of the methods suggested in last week's topic under the heading "How to Organize the Meeting for Presentation"

Hymn: *In the Service of the King*

Announcements

Offering and Offertory Prayer (Remember what last week's topic said about this.)

Special Music

Introduction of Topic by Leader (Leader's Talk)

The Study of "How To"

Summary

Closing Hymn: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

In advance of this meeting, as suggested last week, have various signs about the building in which your Christian Endeavor Society meets. Such signs as "*Do It Yourself*," "*Provide Your Own Kit*," "*Experience Is The Best Teacher*" and others can be spotted about the building. Don't forget to advertise in the church paper or bulletin. Also give a written announcement to your pastor and Sunday school superintendent. Use any available methods.

Guidance for the Leader

The purpose of this topic is to stress the importance of facing up to a task. One learns how to do something best by doing it. People can do a lot of things if they just try. This is the theme of the whole topic.

Read the Scripture and the *Daily Bible Readings* carefully. Emphasize how the Scripture shows us that if we do not use our abilities, we will lose them. All have not the same talents and abilities, but all have been blessed with some.

Review last week's topic to find assistance in preparing this week's topic. Members will expect a well-prepared meeting, and will be more inclined to be critical, after having studied together last week how one should head a meeting.

Have adult leaders help for the purpose of showing and helping in various parts of the meeting. Persons asked to help should include the minister, the Sunday school superintendent, a song leader, the pianist

or organist, a Sunday school teacher, and the chairman of one of the boards. These people should be asked to be prepared to give suggestions on how to pray, how to read the Scripture, how to lead singing, how to start a discussion, how to close a meeting, etc. Assign each one a task.

It was suggested last week that the topic be clipped out for use in the Fall. Do the same with this topic.

For the Counselor

Make sure the leader follows closely the suggestions made last week. Here is the opportunity of fulfilling promises made then. Knowledge was given, methods were studied together, new ideas were inspired; now put it all to practice. *Learn by doing.*

Introduction of Topic

Introduce the guests and explain why they are present. Point out how important it is to actually do something to find out how it is done. One can spend just so much time reading and studying how to do a particular thing, but sooner or later this knowledge of "know how" must be put to a test. Experience is the best teacher.

Explain that this meeting is to assist each one to do better that which he has already done. Each one may practice doing what he has not felt able to do or perhaps has had no opportunity to do. Everyone is on the same level. There are no perfectionists in all fields. Each has a problem area, and this meeting is planned to help each one in different ways.

How to Pray

The pastor should give a two or three minute talk on how to pray; proper salutation, content, conclusion, sincerity, purpose of sentence prayers, pre-prayer, etc. He should conclude the talk by allowing time for each one to have a sentence prayer. The pastor or leader can suggest items for prayer concern that will give each one a thought and purpose for praying. Everyone can pray.

How to Lead Singing

All do not have the musical ability to be a song leader. Anyone, however, can

suggest that members sing louder or softer. Anyone can assign various portions of the room to a certain verse and use other variations of singing. The song leader can give ideas how to do and not to do this. For the benefit of those with ability, take a few minutes to teach the way to direct singing according to the time signature. Have some (perhaps all) try it, telling them that all will not be able to do it successfully. Encourage song leading by young people at each meeting. Remind them that Christian Endeavor is a training school.

How to Be a Good Pianist

The members will know already who might be a good pianist, or even just a pianist. The organist or pianist should stress the importance of this person's presence at every Christian Endeavor meeting. The pianist does much to make or break a meeting. Make the members aware of this also. Emphasize the purpose of a prelude and what kind of music is played and how soon the pianist should begin playing and how much should be played before the singing begins. Stress the importance of the leader's giving the hymns and the order of service to the pianist before the meeting. Should there be no regular pianist, show how one could play a chord, or use another instrument, or demonstrate other means by which successful singing can take place. (Illustrate on the piano as necessary.)

How to Preside

Considerable time should be given the Sunday school superintendent to talk to the young people about presiding.

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Christian Endeavorers preside at various points: during the opening worship service, as leader of the society topic, and at business and committee meetings. Being on time should be a "must." Assuming responsibility, standing erect, speaking clearly, having an order of service and following it, but making adjustments as necessary, need to be emphasized. Suggest proper use of words, and the several other things a superintendent will be sure to point out. Allow time for the "practice" of some of these things.

How to Read Scripture

The Sunday school teacher is in a good position to demonstrate how to read God's Word. He or she reads it to the class weekly, and studies it privately daily. This person ought to be an authority on Bible reading. Two ways of taking care of this portion are possible. The teacher can read some familiar and some unfamiliar portions in proper ways and improper ways. The young people can then evaluate the reading. Or before beginning to talk to the young people, they could read portions assigned them, while the teacher takes notes and then points out the good and the bad points about their reading. A public reading should never be attempted before several private readings.

How to Lead a Discussion

The chairman of any of the church boards has had frequent experience in leading a discussion. Before decisions are made by church boards, it is important to get members to discuss an issue. Using the other adults present, he could demonstrate good and poor leadership in a discussion. A chairman is to lead, not monopolize or dictate during a discussion. Illustrate how one can take an opposite view in order to arouse interest. Lead the young people in a discussion, then have some of them lead.

How to Conclude a Meeting

Here the counselor can take over, explaining and illustrating how to close various meetings that Christian Endeavorers have. The devotional or Sunday evening meeting should be summarized as mentioned in last week's topic. It should conclude by challenging the young people, giving them something to think about, and something for which to

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some things to remember when given the assignment of reading the Scripture publicly?
2. Name some points to remember when leading a discussion.
3. How does one learn to pray aloud?
4. How can one learn to do a job in the best possible way?
5. In what way is Christian Endeavor a training organization? What does it train young people to do?
6. What can you learn to do by not actually doing it yourself?
7. Name some things that are impossible for one to learn to do.
8. Discuss the meaning of "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."
9. What do you as an individual find difficult to do at Christian Endeavor meetings? Why? How can you improve?

strive. It should conclude with prayer, the minimum being the Mizpah Benediction.

Business meetings should also conclude with prayer, followed by formal adjournment or "meeting dismissed."

Socials should never conclude without at least a brief devotional period. Have this before any member departs. It is very effective to call all together in a circle, clasping hands. Testimonies can be given, Scripture recited or read, sentence prayers made, choruses sung, and the benediction prayed. Vary it and insert your own ideas.

How to Plan the Society Program

The leader will here have opportunity to lead the young people in a discussion that will so involve them that they will be "learning by doing." Encourage the adults to give ideas also.

Find what types of Sunday meetings mean the most to them. Discover together how your society could best accomplish having these better meetings.

What Community projects would be worthwhile and interesting for the workers, and be most helpful to others? What permission would be needed, etc.?

Discuss a missionary interest that could be developed together.

Name socials that are liked by the majority, are proper for Christian young people, and are possible to conduct.

Discover methods of securing new members, and how your own group might be successful at it.

Interest Finders are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio at the cost of 75c per dozen. These would be helpful here.

Now plan a time that you can all get together to work out these ideas in the coming year. At that meeting, assign people to certain jobs; assign projects, meetings, etc. to dates or periods of time, and really lay out your society program for one year. The first three to six months will be planned with more finality than the last six months. Make sure each one knows his responsibility, how to go about it, who to report back to, and when to report.

Illustrations

1. Tommy has always admired the way David plays the piano. He took lessons as a small boy, but didn't like to practice, and felt he wasn't learning fast enough. What can he do about this now if he would really like to be able to play?
2. Susan saved her money and bought a bathing suit when she was a small girl. She only went in the water a few times a year, but was afraid of it. She's a young lady now and would like to go swimming with her friends. What should she do?
3. Ron is taking driver's education at school, but is not doing very well. He loves to drive. His father won't allow him to drive the family car until he passes driver's education. What is the problem here?
4. Jim thinks he would like to be a minister when he grows up. He doesn't go to Church very often as he doesn't like to sit still that long. He rarely reads his Bible, as he doesn't understand all of it. What must Jim learn to do?
5. Sharon is going to be married some day, and hopes to be a good homemaker and cook. She loves to eat and to sample new foods. What should she do to prepare for the future?
6. Judy likes the way Don leads a Christian Endeavor meeting. It is always a worthwhile meeting when he leads it. What are the steps she must take in order to be able to lead meetings well?

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 22	Different Gifts	Ephesians 4:11-13
T. July 23	Gift of Exhortation	Acts 11:19-24
W. July 24	An Eloquent Man	Acts 18:24-26
T. July 25	Do It with Might	Ecclesiastes 9:7-10
F. July 26	Obey Orders	Colossians 3:20-24
S. July 27	Be Reliable	Luke 16:10-12
Sun. July 28—Topic:	Learning by Doing	Matthew 25:14-30

Comments by Pearl F. Reed, director of Christian Endeavor and church secretary of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: The Christian's Use of Leisure Time

It's My Time!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude and quiet meditation
 Call to Worship: Psalm 100:2,4-5
 Song Service: *Jesus Calls Us, Living for Jesus*, and *In My Heart*
 Prayer
 Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
 Special Music
 Announcements and offering
 Prayer of Dedication
 Hymn of Challenge: *O God Our Help in Ages Past*
 Presentation of the Topic
 Discussion Time
 Prayer and Benediction

Guidance to the Counselor

You may well have to serve as a resource person in the preparation of this topic. Volunteer your insights on the use of time when you were young. Help the leader see that the matter of leisure time and its use is a growing problem in this era of automation. Assist him in giving helpful suggestions in using his free time to good advantage and usefulness in your own local situation.

Guides to the Leader

This topic deals with time—something most people take for granted. Define the term in your own mind before you begin preparation of the topic so that you know what you are aiming for in the material you will be presenting.

You may want to give some of the other members of your society a responsibility in the preparation of this topic. Give one the assignment of reporting on the average work week and activities done during a week 100 years ago. Have another inquire of his folks or grandparents as to their work when younger, and what they did with their leisure time. Have these people report at the beginning of the meeting, so that the stage will be set for your presentation.

Charts could be made to show the various changes which have occurred in society as far as time and work are concerned. Make a large circle and divide it according to the amount of time spent at work, sleep, and play. Do this for 1860, 1910, 1963, or any year in which information is available. You will be able to refer to these in your topic presentation.

Always keep the topic moving, and don't dwell on the past too long or you will lose the hearers interest. Encourage the society to participate with their added insights or questions. Be sure you save time for a time of discussion. See questions at the end of the topic material.

Use your own imagination and creativity for this topic development. Pray that God will inspire your own heart to impress on the minds of those present the importance of time and its use for Christ and His Church.

Guides for Publicity

Use clocks and watches for publicity on posters. Make a clock face and on it put *Timely subject tonight at* (name of society). Be sure to include time of meeting, place, leader, and any other important information. Then on a finger pointing to the clock place the topic title *It's My Time*. Invitations could be in the form of watches and clocks. Again the timeliness of the meeting should be stressed.

Guides for Worship

A worship center could be easily arranged by placing a picture of Christ in the front with the caption *Christ the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever, or Is your time Christ's time?, or The Changeless Christ in a Changing World*.

Topic Introduction

"Time, time, and some more time! So much time I'm bored to death." This is a sentiment expressed by many young people today. As you have studied history I'm sure you can readily see how leisure time has become more and more a part of man's everyday life.

Leisure time has been more and more of a reality because of the shortened work week. Instead of a 72 hour week we now have a 40 hour week, with a 35 hour week contemplated by many labor leaders and economist for the near future. With this development we get many more hours of time to be spent the way we desire; we have leisure time.

The shortened work week and the age of automation in which we live have contributed to our having leisure time, and



what a wonderful time it is! Because we have leisure time we can have hobbies, engage in additional activities which interest us, and have time with our family and friends.

This is a wonderful thought and a grand reality, that we have more free time today than ever before and still more activities to engage our interest. But with the blessing of leisure time we also face the problem of an over abundance of activities. There is this organization and that committee meeting, this sports event and that program of entertainment, and so we could go on to list those things which have come into existence to fill our leisure time. Suddenly we find we don't have time to do what we should do, and we seriously ask the question, do we really have any leisure time? For many the answer seems to be no. They have very little time to give of themselves and seem to think every minute of everyday is theirs. People don't have time to come to the week day meetings of the church. They can't serve on committees because they are just too busy. So our blessing seems to become a problem. Let us look at it a bit more closely.

Talks on the Topic

Day of Rest

With all our leisure time we find a greater movement today to use the Lord's Day for personal pleasure. Many times this pleasure takes on the nature of top priority in our life. The popular concept "one needs his free time" has become the rule for life and has invaded the day for worship and rest.

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This movement often begins with the faithful attendance at church and then to the activities of the day only for self. In time church is replaced with what the individual has insisted on as more important than worship. Hence leisure time is something we have and something which is seemingly running over us.

We must always remember that the Lord God created the earth and its contents in six days and rested the seventh day. "Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and Hallowed it." Within the plan of God there is provided for us, a day of rest to glorify God through worship. And when the activities of leisure time usurp their position over this time we are in trouble.

Stewardship of Time

The stewardship of time is as vital and important as the stewardship of money. How do you spend your time? Your school work demands a major portion of your time, in fact right now this is your occupation. The duties of the household require a certain amount of time in your day. Also there are the necessary hours of rest. Sometime chart your day to see what you do with your time. (If time permits do this on a chalk board.)

The by-word with many people is "I don't have time." I have said this and you have said this. We must ask ourselves why do we say this when we have many more leisure hours than our parents had. Is it because we want to avoid a task in which we may fail or not handle properly? Is it because we just do not have the drive or creativity to carry out the job? How often don't we use this tried and true excuse to get us off the hook and then spend our time watching television, or engage in some more self-centered task which isn't at all important? Some use this excuse because the task which they should do does not fit into their preconceived plans.

We are called upon to be good stewards for our Master, and we should follow His example and give ourselves wholeheartedly to the task of being stewards. Ask yourself what is truly important. Ask yourself if you are being a bit selfish in saying, I'm too busy. These are matters of concern, as we seek to make every day and minute count for Christ and His Church.

Work of the Student

The student cries out "you just don't know how much work we have to do in

Questions for Discussion

1. What in our everyday living consumes the most time, and why?
2. How many hours in our day are spent in constructive work?
3. How much free time should one have?
4. Is free time good or bad?
5. What can you do to make your free time count more? (Be specific)
6. What is meant by the stewardship of time?

school, and how much time must be spent in preparation for this work." This is a real issue in the life of a student, but how often when we study don't we spend some time day-dreaming, a little more time observing something or someone other than our lesson assignment. Some just take a quick nap as they strive to do their assigned work. If we use our time to the best of our ability there will be time for the extras and we will have leisure time.

Our studies are complete, the household duties assigned to us are finished, and we still have a few hours before bed time. What do we do now? The best thing many people say is to lose yourself in the television program, another says it is a good time to call a friend and talk for an hour; another feels that a trip to town is a good idea and on we could go with ideas to fill the leisure time we have. Have you noted one thing in the list we made? Every item concerns what we can do for ourselves. Me, big ME! I need to have this leisure time all for myself and what I want to do. Yes, this is necessary and a vital part of life's program. For during our leisure time we collect our wits and simply relax after the tensions of study and work. But must it all be spent for us? There are many opportunities for us to use our free time to serve Christ and help His Church. One of our friends may be ill and appreciate a visit from us. We may find that the pastor has a task which we can do. There may be a person who hasn't been in the Christian Endeavor meeting lately and might like a visit. If there is a group who would band together their leisure time they could be of service in a local hospital, Home for the Aged, or some other service project in the church or community. Here is a good place for a Christian Citizenship project to constructively occupy our leisure time.

There may be some project in our church's program which could use us. There are such things as study groups, prayer groups, work groups, and the like. There are things to do and activities to be accomplished and can best be done in our leisure time. This need not rob from study time or work time but be salvaged from leisure time so that it is not turned into *wasted* time, gone never to be recaptured.

As we think of time and its importance we must remember this is from God. He has given it to us to use to the best of our ability. Our Scripture for this topic says "A time to," yes there is a time to give of ourselves. In God's plan He called for a time in all things from being born to a time to die. The whole range of man's activities fall within this time span. We have nothing to say about being born, nor when we die. But we are called upon to live the time in between those two events to the best of our ability and to the glory of God.

Let us each one this night within our own heart resolve with Christ's help to pay more attention to our use of time. Making our spare time count as profitable and not simply as wasted.

We are called on to realize that there is a time to do something for God now. Not when we get more time. For we know that it is our time to use for God's glory.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July	1	The Accepted Time	Isaiah 49:8-11
T. July	2	Deliverance in Troubled Time	Psalm 41
W. July	3	The Time Is at Hand	Revelation 1:1-6
T. July	4	Redeem the Time	Colossians 4:1-6
F. July	5	Time of Visitation	Jeremiah 46:16-21
S. July	6	Time Shall End	Revelation 10:1-7
Sun. July	7—Topic:	It's My Time!	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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Topic 2 in a Unit: The Christian's Use of Leisure Time

Leisure That Lifts

I Corinthians 6:19,20



Our Aims

1. To reconsider our non-working or non-school hours and see where we are missing out on leisure time at home.
2. To employ our time well that we may gain leisure to do the useful things.
3. To reach a point where we can use wisely our leisure time to do some specific work for Christian Endeavor and the Church.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer time

Prelude: *O Jesus I Have Promised*
(Instrumental)

Call to worship: Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear Thy call, give our hearts to Thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Requests for Prayer

Prayer Time: Ask about four to participate

Scripture Lesson: I Corinthians 6:19,20

Special: Vocal or Instrumental

Topic Presentation

Society participation and discussion

Offering and Announcements

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Mizpah Benediction

To the Counselor

A great deal of the success of this meeting is your responsibility. The leader of the meeting should be a part of your concern. Have you consulted with him about his program? Would he like some type of table display? Have you conversed with him about advertising and promoting the meeting? Does he know how much time is allotted to him for the general discussion of the topic? Is he planning to have a special speaker? Will there be any expenses of travel for this speaker? Your talking with the leader before the meeting will help to increase his own confidence. Don't fail him. He may be expecting you to speak to him about the meeting.

To the Leader

You are very fortunate to be selected as the leader for this meeting. You now stand in the gap between God and your Christian Endeavor society. Prayer will help you; Jesus Christ will strengthen you.

Franklin said, "To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune." Your reward is in the race you run, the work you put into the plans and preparations, and not in the prize.

The topic is before you. The society looks to you. Do your very best. Get others to participate. Don't read your material. Load the meeting with interest and variety. You can do it.

Topic Introduction

Believe it or not, laziness grows on people. It begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains. Watch the busy man until you find his secret. He has learned to economize his time.

Do you recall the words of Queen Elizabeth: "All my possessions for a moment of time." It was Franklin who wrote, "Dost thou love life?—then do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of."

Our topic deals with time, leisure time. Perhaps, if conditions continue in

their present pattern, tomorrow's adults will have more leisure time than today's. So, this is a good time to think about it.

Be sure you take time to consider the Scripture. Let these words, "Ye are not your own," weigh upon your mind. Think about it in relation to leisure time. You have been bought with a price, therefore you belong to somebody else. This should have a bearing upon our leisure time.

Talks on the Topic

Time Is Necessary

You like leisure time? But we must remember that time is a limited quantity. A few years and we wither and die. Time, a dream in the night, the flight of a bird, the passing of a shadow.

What I do with my time becomes a problem. Some idle it away and have little to show for it at the end of the days. Some spend it in pleasure and selfish pursuits. Some use it to climb to wealth and fame. All such are transmuting time into values that cannot endure.

Shakespeare said, "I wasted time, and now doth time waste me." Ruskin wrote, "There is not an hour of youth but is trembling with destinies, not a moment of which, once past, the appointed work can ever be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron."

Leisure Time That Lifts

It is utterly impossible to make out a schedule dividing our time in such a way as to suit everyone. But we can

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Publicity

1. Secure a weighing scale and on the one side have weighty articles of things that would be "killing time" activities, and on the other side, articles that would suggest leisure that lifts. Each article could be designated. Place a poster by the scale indicating the time and place of meeting.
2. Secure a large size poster card board and have pasted on it in a neat arrangement, railroad time tables, tourists maps, scenes of vacation lands, and any other items that would suggest what could be done with leisure time. At the bottom of the poster these words, *What About Leisure Time That Lifts?*

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plan our days so that spiritual as well as material interests shall have due attention.

Are we searching for leisure time that lifts? Let us give these items our careful thought.

1. Give some time in the morning for prayer and meditation. God will give us wisdom as we seek to deal with our leisure time.
2. If ye have ten minutes before meal time, don't say there is no time to do anything now, we can reach for a dictionary and learn the synonyms of a word, or search out its derivation. Remember, it was Longfellow who translated the "Inferno" by snatches of ten minutes a day, while waiting for his coffee to boil, persisting for years until his work was done.
3. Give three hours each week to promoting Christian Endeavor in our church and throughout our community. Take ten minutes each day to study *Christian Endeavor Essentials*.
4. Check the pastor for the names of shut-ins to whom we could carry echoes of the Sunday service. Visit the sick to whom we might read for their own comfort. Visit the aged who would deeply appreciate our words of cheer. Visit the unsaved and strive to win them for Christ and the Church.
5. Ask for the Sunday church bulletins and distribute them to the homes surrounding the church.
6. Ask the pastor for the opportunity of taking care of the outside bulletin board.
7. Take one-half hour each day to master one of the Epistles of the New Testament. We should do this for thirty days and see what happens to our own Christian life.
8. Give some time to home duties. There is no other place on earth where we can serve Jesus Christ than in the home. We must do our job in the home without complaining. "You are not your own," Paul said.

One Hour of Leisure Time

One hour a day withdrawn from frivolous pursuits and profitably employed would enable any man of ordinary ca-

capacity to master a complete science. One hour a day would make an ignorant man a well informed man in ten years. In an hour a day we could read twenty pages thoughtfully, over seven thousand pages, or eighteen large volumes in a year. An hour a day might make all the difference between bare existence and useful, happy living. Consider, then, the mighty possibilities of two, four, yes, six hours a day that are, on the average, thrown away by us in the restless desire for fun and diversion. The present time is the raw material out of which we make whatever we will. We cannot brood over the past, or dream of the future, but must seize the instant and get our lesson from the hour. Great men have been misers of moments.

Others Found It and Used It

Lord Bacon's fame springs from the work of his leisure hours while Chancellor of England. Sir Humphry Davy achieved eminence in spare moments in an attic of an apothecary's shop. Grote wrote his matchless *History of Greece* during the hours of leisure snatched from his duties as a banker. Mozart would not allow a moment to slip by unimproved. He wrote his famous *Requiem* on his death bed. Dr. Mason Good translated *Lucretius* while riding to visit his patients in London. Matthew Hale wrote his *Contemplations* while traveling his circuit as judge. Dr. Burney learned Latin and French on horseback. Dr. Johnson wrote *Rasselas* in the evenings of a single week, to meet the expenses of his mother's funeral. Lincoln studied law during his spare hours while surveying, and learned the common branches unaided while tending store. So, we must conclude it can be done. But the point of argument remains, Will We Do It?

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some of the leisure activities which will develop the body, quicken the mind, and encourage the spirit?
2. What are some "time killing" activities and could any of them be employed for good?
3. Does the home really get any of our leisure time? How much of it? What do we do with it?
4. What is a fair amount of my leisure time to give to Christ and His Church, apart from Sunday, for something very specific?

5. When is watching television a waste of time? Is it all evil? Is there no good on any program? Is it easy to be selective?

Alternate Development

This topic easily lends to a panel discussion type of meeting. Four or five members of the society could be assigned specific areas or questions to present to the group. If this is done be sure to make the assignments at least three weeks before the meeting.

Discuss such items as: "spectatoritis"; suitable recreation for Christians; how much recreation; creative recreation. From this meeting there should develop plans for helping one another and other young people in the community to seek leisure that lifts rather than that which tears down.

Plan to make a survey of the community to discover the leisure activities that are available to youth. Report your finding to the society. If your survey reveals a lack of worthwhile activities, suggest that the Christian Endeavor society and the church do something about changing this situation.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 8	Remember	Christian Standards I Corinthians 10:31-33
T. July 9	Remember	Christian Responsibility I Corinthians 9:24-27
W. July 10	Remember	the Temple of God I Corinthians 3:16-23
T. July 11	Remember	Purity Psalm 24:1-5
W. July 12	Remember	the Golden Rule Luke 6:27-35
S. July 13	Remember	the Danger of Temptation I Corinthians 10:12,13
Sun. July 14—Topic:	Leisure That Lifts	I Corinthians 6:19,20

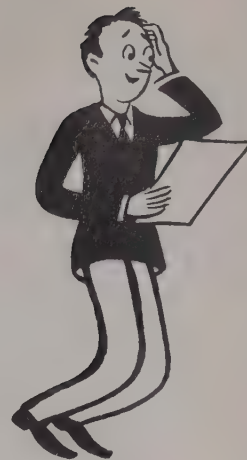
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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Revitalizing the Youth Meeting

I Will Take My Part

Romans 12



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer
 Call to Worship: Romans 12:1,2
 Hymns: *In the Service of the King,*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Announcements
 Offering
 Prayer
 Leader's Introduction of the Topic
 Assembling the C. E. Emblem
 Scripture Reading: Romans 12 (responsively)
 Discussion on the Church, the Home, and the World
 Telling of the True-Life Incident
 Review of the Topic
 Sentence Prayers
 Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
 Mizpah Benediction

Preparation

Ask the Lord to guide you as you prepare to lead this topic. Many Christian Endeavor societies do not function as well as they could because everyone is not taking his part. This topic could be the x-ray your group needs to find out why some are not pulling their share of the load.

Order from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, a C E cardboard cut-out. These are 15 cents each and may be ordered in red, blue, or green. This is the large 10 inch size. When you have this glue it to a piece of contrasting colored cardboard at least 9 by 12 inches. Borrow or make a flannelgraph. Find a colored picture of a church, a house, and one of the World. These pictures should be about the same size as the mounted emblem. Glue flannel to the backs of the pictures and the emblem.

Leave the "C" of the emblem intact by cutting around it. Then figure the number of pieces you will need from the rest of the emblem and mark out that many pieces in a simple jig-saw. Trace over these pieces on a thin piece of paper and save it to mark the pieces on the flannelgraph.

If your society is small so each one may have a part, figure on that many pieces *plus* two. If your group is large, figure on one for each officer and each committee chairman, the counselor and two extra ones. On the back of each piece put a number with the corresponding number in the same position and place on the flannelgraph so the pieces can easily be assembled. Don't count on any wasted time getting the emblem together.

Contact the church activity chairman and ask him to make inquiry of the pastor, the

Sunday school superintendent, and anyone else who would know, what your group can do to help.

Place the "C" in its proper place before the meeting and explain that only if Christ is the center will the society prosper and grow.

As each one takes his part by telling what his task is, he places his piece of the emblem in the proper area. If the committees are being represented by the chairmen, have all the members of that committee stand as the chairman is placing his "part."

When all the assigned pieces have been placed there are still the two missing pieces. These are to be placed after the group has discussed what are the two most glaring faults of your society. Be wise but truthful and allow time to really get down to why more are not taking part.

These suggestions might get the discussion going: *Does each person know what his job is? Does he know how to do his task? Are the leaders poorly prepared? Are the topics given out in advance of the meeting so there can be time for study? Is there too much sameness in the meetings? Is there too much time taken by the counselor? Is there lack of spiritual growth?*

Try to have the discussion on all the phases of this topic a real exchange of ideas. The questions given are only to start the ball rolling. You can think up some that fit your group better than the ones suggested. Use them and keep the meeting lively and spontaneous.

Put up the pictures you have as the subjects are introduced.

Introducing the Topic

It takes every member of a Christian Endeavor Society working together to make it truly Christian Endeavor for the organization is based on a "learn by doing" practice. We grow spiritually by reading the Bible, observing the Quiet Hour, taking our part in the discussion, and by leading the meetings. We learn to be leaders by having a responsibility and doing the task. If we do not "Take our part," the individual suffers and so does the society.

If you have a wall pledge point out the, "I will take my part" is a part of the Christian Endeavor Pledge. If you do not have a wall pledge, read from a pledge card. Have a discussion on why that was written into the pledge.

If you have the problem of too much monopoly by the counselor, you will need to be tactful, but this can be brought out in the opening discussion.

Psychology tells us we remember 10% of what we hear, 50% of what we see, 70% of what we say and 90% of what we do. Who is doing the "doing"? If you are leaving too much to the counselor figure out how to change that. If your counselor feels it is his duty to be up front, show him the thumbnail sketch at the end of the topic as to what his duties are.

Discuss how the topics can be organized so more can take part. If there is opportunity but reluctance to participate, find out why. Are the individual portions of the topic assigned ahead so there is a chance to be prepared?

How can you get more to take part in prayer? Ask all sitting in one row to pray. This will encourage the timid one to pray when it comes his turn.

After this general discussion, go into the assembling of the emblem. If some are not very specific about what they are supposed to be doing, help them out—don't let it go as indefinite.

The Church

(Put up the picture of the church.) Since Christian Endeavor is a part of the church what part do the Christian Endeavorers play in it? There is always church attendance; singing in the choir; helping in Sunday school or attending a class. (Have the church activity chairman make his report at this time.) Re-read Romans 12:9-12 and Acts 20:28.

The Home

(Put up the picture of the house.) What part are we to take at home? Suggest to the group that they pretend they
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had no home. Where would they be? Who would look out for them? Where would they get spending money? Who would provide their clothes? Why would they be more apt to get into trouble? Contrast this with having a home and parents who care. What advantages come with having a good home? What is a good home situation?

Ask a girl to go to the chalkboard and list the things a girl can do to take her part in the home.

Ask a boy to go to the chalkboard and list the suggestions a boy can do to take his part at home.

Besides being a help at home, how do these things make for future happiness when you have your own home? Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

The World

(Put up the picture of the world.)

We hear much of the World of Tomorrow. You will be living in it. What will it be like, do you suppose? What will be the part you will play? What opportunities do you have that your grandparents did not have? Your parents? Why is education more essential now than previously? What kinds of jobs will there be for those who are not college graduates? Even today a degree from college is only a starting point! With the increasing cost of a college education plus the increase in the number wanting to go to college, what are your chances of getting a degree? Grade point averages to enter college keep going up, and once in, the requirements to stay are very high. What part will you have in this?

For the boys there is the service requirements. If someone in your church has just finished his service obligations you might have him give his views and experiences in this. Christ said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . ." What is each person's part in this? Discuss this in specifics not generalities.

Each one can pray for those who have gone anywhere to take the Gospel—next door, in the neighborhood, in the nation, or to a foreign land. Are you doing your part in witnessing? How long has it been since you spoke a word for the Lord? Have you given some money to missions? Was it all you could have given or did you just give a little?

(Have someone tell this real life story.)

The Christian Endeavor Conference at Hume Lake in California sent a missionary offering to a girl who had been a member of Christian Endeavor before going to the Mountain Province in The Philippines as a Wycliffe Translator. In writing to thank the young people for the gift she says, "We can't thank you Christian Endeavor young people in words for the landing strip you made possible for us. Our God is perfect . . . we love Him more because of you. We had been working six months on it. It seemed like no one would take hold. They were going to do it all by free labor. But the work was hard and the labor petered out. Then out of the clear blue sky some men decided they would take it on a contract basis. The work started and they nearly finished in a week. All that was left were hundreds of tons of very huge stones. When we surveyed for the landing I stood in the center of it, tears in my eyes and mud to my knees wondering what kind of miracle could ever be worked to turn this slough of despond into ground for praise. But canals, rock walls, then fillings, it began to take shape.

When the landing strip was finished a pilot came with his plane to try the landing. He collected his nerves and tried six times but he did land. The landing strip was finished on Saturday and on Tuesday we were able to fly to our conference.

The total cost was \$205. You see God is neither too late nor ready with too little. He is always a day and a dollar extra ahead it seems. We praise Him and we thank you." (The amount of the offering was slightly above the cost of the job.)

By the gifts of the Christian Endeavorers at this conference who "took their part" in this offering this much needed landing strip was made possible. Had this not happened they would have had to walk this tremendous distance over very rough mountain terrain.

Close with sentence prayers asking for help and guidance in knowing just what to do and how to do it.

Thumbnail Sketches

The President is the leader of the group. He is to see that the society runs well and plans are made and carried out to insure a good total program.

The Vice-President is not in charge of disorder. He is to assist the president and do specified tasks such as seeing that all the committees are working properly.

The Secretary keeps an accurate roll of members with correct addresses and phone numbers. Also keeps accurate minutes of the business meetings and reads these at the next meeting.

The Treasurer keeps account of the funds of the society and sees that the money is paid out on the order of the society. He also encourages giving as a part of Christian joy.

The Devotional Committee Chairman assigns leaders for the Sunday evening meetings. The chairman and the committee go over the topics

in advance and try to pick leaders that will be best suited to handle the topics. The leaders are provided with material and are assisted in preparing the topic. The topics and leaders should be posted at least a month in advance.

The Lookout Committee Chairman keeps track of the attendance so he knows when anyone is absent. He contacts this person immediately to find out if he is ill or disinterested. He encourages new people to attend the society. His committee helps carry out these duties.

The Missionary Committee Chairman interests the society in missions. On occasion this committee will lead a meeting of missionary interest. They can promote missionary reading and giving. A missionary project could be encouraged in the society.

The Social Committee Chairman and his committee see that there is an excellent recreation program planned and carried out for the society. There is usually at least one recreation event every month. This includes invitations, planning the actual event, and cleaning up afterwards.

The Church Activity Committee Chairman makes the society conscious of their relation to the church. He also heads up the projects they will want to undertake to be of assistance to the church.

The Counselor is not the leader of the society. He is in the business of training leaders which is far more important. A child does not learn to walk if he is always carried. He must be put on his feet and encouraged to take steps. If you teach him to walk, he will teach himself to run. Stay in the background. Speak when asked a question but do not do much talking in the meetings. Be there always but as an interested on-looker. Of course the young people cannot do it perfectly the first time, but that is how they learn. Give them every opportunity. Praise them for the successful attempts and offer the minimum of suggestions. Yours is a great task, often thankless and fatiguing, but you have the rich opportunity of training youth to take their place in the church and in the world.

Further information concerning the responsibilities of the five committees and the officers of a Christian Endeavor society may be found in the book **CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS** available from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Price: \$1.25.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 15	Be Doing	I ^o Chronicles 22:12-16
T. July 16	A Mind to Work	Nehemiah 4:1-6
W. July 17	Perform the Doing	II Corinthians 8:1-11
T. July 18	With Thy Might	Ecclesiastes 9:1-10
F. July 19	A Willing Mind	II Corinthians 8:12-15
S. July 20	God—Mighty in Work	Jeremiah 32:13-22
Sun. July 21—Topic:	I Will Take My Part	Romans 12

Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, who has served as counselor of many Christian Endeavor societies and as vice-president of the Pacific Region of the International Society

Topic 2 in a Unit: Revitalizing the Youth Meeting

Leads to Leadership

Ephesians 4:1-16



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *Where He Leads Me*
 Call to Worship
 Song Service: *Living for Jesus; I Surrender All; Blessed Assurance*
 Announcements
 Offering
 Introduction to Topic
 Playlet
 Discussion
 Closing Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
 Mizpah Benediction

Publicity Ideas

POSTER IDEA: Look in catalogs and magazines for medicine ads and cut out the bottles of pills found in these advertisements. Arrange these bottles on your poster with the wording, *Pills won't help but here's what will—At Christian Endeavor Sunday night Dr. Ernest Endeavor will permit us to visit his office and watch while he examines four desperate patients. You won't want to miss Dr. Ernest's candid remarks, homespun humor, and suave manner in giving a complete diagnosis for each patient. This is a program the Christian Endeavor will be talking about for months to come! So, don't miss it!*

POSTER IDEA: In the catalog section on uniforms you will find numerous pictures of nurses. Cut one of these out and paste on a colored background. Perhaps another cut-out could be used to represent the doctor's receptionist. Wording could be: *Dramatic Presentation on "Leads to Leadership" at _____ on _____, 1963. This skit is just what the doctor ordered for our Christian Endeavor. Three of our own Christian Endeavor members will portray the following characters: Dr. Ernest Endeavor, Nurse Speaking Ability and Receptionist Sunday Appointment. These three have made a careful examination and will reveal their diagnosis and suggested treatments for our Christian Endeavor members on Sunday at our meeting.*

INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS: Empty plastic capsules can be obtained from your local drug store at a very small fee, be sure

to give an explanation to the druggist of your intended use of the empty capsules. Place a message inside the capsule with the information about your meeting. Something clever or thought provoking should be included, such as: *You be the Doctor, Sunday at Christian Endeavor and give your opinion on a complete cure for four ailing patients. Dr. Ernest Endeavor will be in charge and have some startling cures to suggest.* Distribute these capsules to each Christian Endeavor member and prospect a week prior to your presentation. Your message must be short and on thin paper, then folded small enough to place inside the capsule. The best manner is to type it on a narrow strip and then fold it accordion style.

Room Setting

Choose a simple setting, but one that will represent a doctor's office to the group. Since you will need a waiting room as well as one to examine the patients in, you could divide the stage or place of presentation with a folding screen to represent a partition. The first thing to do is to write down a list of articles found in a real doctor's office and waiting room. Such as: Desk, Phone, Appointment Book, Pen and Pencil, Typewriter, Chairs, Magazine Rack, Magazines, Roll-a-way Cart, Doctor's Tools and Supplies, Examination Table, and Wall Charts.

These are just a few things you might find, now make a list of the items you can obtain to use for props for your skit. You will be surprised just what you can get to make the setting authentic looking. For instance, Mom's roll-a-way kitchen cart will make an excellent supply cart. Fold a white towel for a cover to lay-out supplies and instruments. Instruments for use during the skit can be obtained from a toy doctor or nurse kit. Even the very inexpensive kits have lots of tools. If you don't have a little brother or sister to borrow one from, somewhere in your neighborhood a tot will have just what you need. There is no end to the possibilities of props for your skit, just wait until you see how your list begins to grow.

Leader's Preparation

Now, that your props are all gathered, begin to write a short skit with the following characters:

1. Dr. Ernest Endeavor
2. Nurse Speaking Ability
3. Receptionist Sunday Appointment

4. Patient Number One: Disease—Scared-itis
5. Patient Number Two: Disease—No-Research-itis
6. Patient Number Three: Disease—Disorganized-itis
7. Patient Number Four: Disease—Undeveloped-leadership-itis

Be sure to secure costumes to suit each character in the playlet. They can be simple, but if you use costumes it will certainly help the presentation of the skit. Doctor blouses have been popular, so perhaps one of the girls in your Christian Endeavor has one you could use for Doctor Ernest Endeavor. If you can't borrow a nurse's uniform, a waitress or beautician's uniform will look quite authentic for Nurse Speaking Ability. She should also have a nurse's hat to wear, one can be made from white paper if a real one can not be borrowed. White flats or heels should finish out her costume nicely.

If you can locate two uniforms, Receptionist Sunday Appointment should wear a white uniform, but if one is not available she could wear a tailored suit or dress. She should wear any attire that would give her a business-like appearance, such as, eye glasses and a plain hairdo.

Since quite a few Scripture references have been used throughout the playlet they should be studied carefully before practicing the skit. A list of these should be given to the three major characters.

James 1:5; Psalm 27:1; John 6:27; Galatians 6:9; Proverbs 24:5; Proverbs 8:11; II Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 4:12-16; and Ephesians 4:1-16.

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Playlet

An outline of the skit is given but let your own personality and your cast be considered as you write your own playlet.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Receptionist Sunday Appointment invites the Christian Endeavor to be observers and watch the Christian Endeavor Clinic in action. She then introduces the cast. Then she explains to the audience that this is a typical hour in Dr. Ernest Endeavor's Clinic.

B. Each patient enters and registers with the receptionist and she asks them to be seated until their name is called by the nurse.

C. Nurse Speaking Ability calls each patient one by one from the waiting room to the examination room.

II. DIAGNOSIS

A. PATIENT NUMBER ONE: Have the first patient enter with knees shaking and wiping his forehead. He complains about his knees shaking, a lump in his throat, and that his tongue feels dry. He goes on to explain how he just can not stand up and give a Christian Endeavor topic, no matter how hard he tries.

1. Doctor Ernest Endeavor listens to his heart-beat, checks his pulse, comments on his throat, and then examines his knee-caps.

2. He then shakes his head and gives the patient his diagnosis: "I am quite sure you have an acute case of scared-itis! You have all the symptoms of scared-itis, but I think I have an antidote that will help to get you on the road to recovery."

3. Here are four steps to be taken in overcoming fear: *forget yourself, pray* (see James 1:5), *have faith, set your goals* (Psalm 27:1).

B. PATIENT NUMBER TWO: Nurse Speaking Ability leads in the next patient and says: "Doctor, our next patient is having trouble seeing, seems to have a very blurred vision and he feels quite faint."

Questions for Discussion

1. What should be the first step in preparing to lead a Christian Endeavor meeting?
2. Name some of the steps you use in preparing to lead a meeting.
3. How can leading a meeting be made easy?
4. What is the main reason for some meetings not succeeding?

1. Doctor: "Let's lay the patient on the examination table nurse! Now, let's take a look at those eyes. What seems to be the problem—have you been reading too much or perhaps not enough. It could be you haven't been reading material that will help you in your Christian Endeavor responsibilities! I have a chart on the wall, I would like you to read." (Have patient read aloud chart, have a chart on the wall with the Scripture John 6: 27 printed on it. It should look like an eye chart.)

2. Doctor: "Now you read that correctly, so I can say your Christian eyesight is improving. As, for your faintness I recommend you always keep in mind the advice given in Galatians 6:9.

C. PATIENT NUMBER THREE: Next patient rushes in without being announced, he looks extremely flustered, and has papers sticking out of all his pockets. He is also looking frantically in all of his pockets for something he seems to have misplaced.

1. Patient: "Oh, Dr. Ernest, I've lost the prescription order you gave me yesterday and what can I do?"

2. Doctor: "Let's see, you have disorganized-itis don't you?"

3. Patient: "Oh, yes, and doctor what am I going to do?"

4. Doctor: "I am sure I told you to always make an outline and to carefully study it. On your prescription I wrote three Scriptures for you to follow. Now let's go over these carefully. In the Old Testament we find help in Proverbs 24:5 and Proverbs 5:11. In the New Testament we find some more advice in II Timothy 2:15.

D. PATIENT NUMBER FOUR: As patient walks in, Doctor says: "Do you mean to say, you still have undeveloped leadership-itis? I'm sorry I have to reprimand you, but as your physician I must! I can see now by your paleness and your loss of weight, you have not spent time exercising or you have not followed my special diet plan for gaining weight. Please go home and follow my instructions to the letter! You can not expect to become a true leader without practicing the steps to leadership and using every opportunity to use your talents and knowledge."

1. If time permits you could discuss the pamphlet, *Some Qualifications for Christian Leadership* available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

2. In I Timothy 4:12-16, Paul talks to Timothy about leadership and tells him to practice his duties with complete devotion so that everyone can see his progress. This Scripture is an excellent guide for any Christian Leader.

III. CONCLUSION

After all the patients have left, Dr. Ernest Endeavor turns to his two employees and says: "Receptionist Sunday Appointment and Nurse Speaking Ability I hope you two have been observing these patients closely and realize each one could be helped by the passage of Scripture written by Paul in Ephesians 4:1-16. (Doctor reads aloud to them.) We must always keep in mind that it is our purpose as Christian Endeavorers to lead other young people to confess Christ as Saviour, and to help them consecrate their lives to Him and to His service."

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 22	Seek the Mind of Christ	Philippians 2:1-8
T. July 23	Work Together	Acts 4:32-35
W. July 24	Seek the Father's Guidance	Psalms 143
T. July 25	God's Qualifications	Micah 6:6-9
F. July 26	Organize Carefully	Nehemiah 4:17-23
S. July 27	Lead by Example	I Timothy 4:12-16
Sun. July 28	Topic: Leads to Leadership	Ephesians 4:1-16

Comments by Mrs. Ray Pulsifer, who with her husband is counselor of the high school society of the Christian Church in Redmond, Oregon

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for July

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

Labor and Capital (two topics)

1. Capital and Labor — a Conflict

Micah 6:8-15; Luke 10:1-7

Capital versus labor is an age-old struggle. Capital represents the employer, vested interests, wealth. Labor represents the employee, the arms and legs of industry, often poverty. Each accuses and opposes the other. Which is the stronger today? Which is more deserving? The employer class, fortified by movements such as the National Association of Manufacturers, chambers of commerce, business clubs, industrial mergers, etc., holds great power. Labor claims unfair advantage, exploitation, slavery. Is labor justified in these claims? What abuses can you name? The employed class, now united and mightily strengthened by trade and labor unions, strike power, legislation, and new social thinking, holds sometimes greater power. Is this power abused? Study this conflict. What Christian issues are involved?

2. Capital and Labor — a Unity

Luke 12:42-48; Colossians 3:22-4:4

Having defined the terms and studied

the traditional conflicts, outline the current areas of tension between capital and labor. Are charges and counter-charges true and well founded? What could new legislation accomplish? Consider what capital owes labor, the very sinew of industry. What are fair wage standards? Proper working conditions? What "fringe benefits" should be expected? At what points do labor demands become unreasonable? Consider what labor owes capital, without which our democratic society, our way of life could not function. What is honesty in labor? What is the cure for feather-bedding, goldbricking, racketeering among labor union leaders? How could teamwork effect a unity in industry? What does God's Word say about it?

Devotional Life (two topics)

1. Coming of Age in Devotional Life

Luke 2:41-52; Philippians 4:4-8

Jesus set the example for Christian growth. All of us are maturing physically and mentally. We reach maturity through a difficult process at different times and rates. At some time in life we must reach a point where we can no longer blame our inabilities and failings on being "young and foolish." At

some time we must, with determination, become willingly responsible for our actions and beliefs. Nothing must be allowed to deter us from our Father's business. Just as we establish our economic independence, we must also establish our religious independence. It is we who must know the principles which guide our lives. It is we who must be able to converse intelligently about these principles. We must grow up, come of age, and become spiritually responsible churchmen. A discussion of characteristics of devotional maturity might be helpful. A yardstick listing these characteristics might be drawn on the chalkboard.

2. Survey the Resources

Exodus 2:1-10; Matthew 14:15-21

All of us need guidance in our devotional growth. There are, with a little looking, many available sources of devotional helps. These range from devotional thoughts on Scripture passages to historical facts, devotional poems, songs, and experiences of others. Like the mother of Moses, we must assess our personal needs and proceed to use the resources at hand. Like Christ, we must use available material to feed our starved devotional lives. Each participant could bring a devotional help to show or explain briefly to the others. Some books could be: *Pocket Bible Handbook* by Halley, *The New Bible Commentary* edited by Davidson, *The Modern Student's Life of Christ* by Vollmer. A local bookstore manager may be willing to display some of his devotional aids, and several devotional books may be available from your church library.

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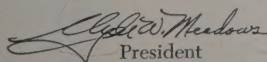
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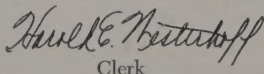
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